

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2008. The Examiner's comments in the Office Action have been considered.

Initially, claims 1 and 4 has been objected to because of insufficient antecedent bases for some of the terminology used. Both claims 1 and 4 have been amended to address and overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-6 have been rejected as being obvious and, therefore, unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,784,802 to Stanescu in view or when combine with U.S. Patent No. 6,591,053 to Fritz, in a new ground for rejection, for reasons set forth in paragraphs 7-9 of the office Action. For reasons fully set forth below, and the Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider to withdraw these rejections in light of the comment that follow as well as for reasons previously submitted. In making rejections of claims 1 and 4, the Examiner has primarily relied on upon Stanescu and has paraphrased portions of these claims, making reference to specific text in the Stanescu patent by column and line references. However, it is respectfully submitted that many of the characterizations of Stanescu do not correspond to the actual teaching in the cited portions of the text. Thus, Stanescu is primarily concerned with a telecommunications cabling systems in telecommunications closets to facilitate cross-connects, namely, moves, add-ons and changes (MAC) between equipment and work areas. The subject claims address a distribution system connecting optical connections lines between diverse pieces of equipment. With reference to the requirement in the claims that Stanescu teaches a distribution system for mutually connecting connection